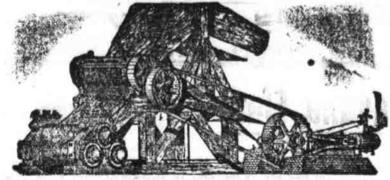


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I was fortunate enough to secure a few minutes' chat with this "baby marvel" at the close of one of her performances, from whom I elicited several interesting facts.

"I was born at Fulham," she said, in answer to my question, "but have spent the greater part of my short life in Chelsea-King's Road, where my father keeps a barber's shop. You have, no doubt heard of 'Teddy Wick'-well, that is my father-the recognized champion shaver of the world."

"Of course, you began shaving very early, otherwise you would

not be so expert at your business?" "Yes, I was but three years old when I started."

"What led you to take up shav-

"Well," she answered, "at first for amusement. My father being so expert and fond of shaving, naturally he would like his little daughter to be able to shave as well. When father was not busy, and customers were few, he would allow me to practise upon his face."

"So you did not at first practise upon a model, but on a person?"

"The very first person I touched with the razor was my own father. I made such rapid progress that at last he decided to bring me before the public."

"From that time you had plenty of practice, I presume?"

"Well, not so very much-twice a day was the most.

"My first appearance in public," she continued, "was at the Foresters' Music Hall. It was an immense success. The hall was full to overflowing, and the people accorded me a welcome which I do not think I shall ever forget. The managers of the hall were so pleased with my performance that they presented me with two medals, which I always wear when performing in public."

"How many men can you, on an average, shave in the space of five minutes?"

"Just eight."

"And have you ever had any accidents-for instance, have you ever cut a person's face whom you have been shaving?"

"Only two; and those I cut but slightly."
"Do you shave with the ordinary-

sized razor?"

"Oh, no! It would be too large for my hands. I use a small razor, known as the 'Mab.' "

I may here mention that Miss Wick can also, in a very little longer time, shave with one hand, the other hand being tied behind

"Have you ever had any contests with rival shavers?"

"Yes, the most important being with a boy of thirteen, who styled himself 'The Champion Boy Shaver.' When I contested I was but four years of age. The result was I beat him hollow."

Miss Wick possesses a knowledge of the art of hair cutting, and has a perfect right to call herself a practising barber: for she takes her father's place in the shop when he is absent.

Should Miss Nelly Wick, when she grows older, set up in business I have no doubt she will be well patronised. I cannot speak from experience, but I should suppose that a lady would shave with a much more gentle hand than one of the other sex .- London Tit-Bits. the second to the second to the second

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